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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the fourteenth session

The fourteenth session of the Board will be opened by the President of the thirteenth session, Mr. A.K. El Hussein (Sudan).

Item 2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 also stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the fourteenth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board in list B of Annex I to the Constitution, and the three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States included in List A, the States in List D and the States in List C respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the African States in List A.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda for the fourteenth session

A provisional agenda for the fourteenth session, adopted by the Board at its thirteenth session (IDB.13/Dec.27), is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.14/1.

Item 4. UNIDO policy framework - organizational and staff structure

At its fifth session in resolution GC.5/Res.18 the General Conference, recalling Board decision IDB.11/Dec.40 and reaffirming the need to revitalize the Organization for the effective achievement of its constitutional mandates, approved the proposals of the Director-General on the future policy framework of UNIDO and its organizational and staff structure outlined in document GC.5/23. In its resolution GC.5/Res.20, the Conference also adopted the Yaoundé Declaration in which the priorities of the reformed UNIDO were emphasized. Subsequently, a progress report on action taken as a follow-up to these two resolutions was submitted by the Director-General to the Board at its twelfth session (IDB.12/5).

At the request of the Board, the Director-General submitted a further progress report (IDB.13/27 and Corr.1) to its thirteenth session. In its decision IDB.13/Dec.2 the Board, *inter alia*, took note with interest of the information provided in that report, reiterated its full support to the Organization, encouraged the Director-General to continue his efforts to revitalize the Organization, and requested him to submit to the Board at its fourteenth session a progress report on the implementation of decision IDB.13/Dec.2, including information on action taken in the context of UNIDO policy framework—organizational and staff structure, and proposals for improving the programmes and strengthening the focus of the Organization in developing countries.

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The Board will have before it:

- Improving UNIDO programmes through a strengthened focus. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.14/13)

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/8, chap. IV)

Item 5. Annual report of the Director-General for 1994 on the activities of the Organization, including progress report on specific activities

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

In preparing the report, account has been taken of General Conference resolution GC.4/Res.2, in which the Director-General is requested to incorporate fully in the annual reports the programme performance report for the relevant period, as well as General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.9, in which the Director-General is invited to present the information in future annual reports as succinctly as possible, with a particular focus on the quality of UNIDO services. In trying to accommodate these two concerns of the General Conference, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10-PBC.11/10) has been redesigned as a new, succinct and analytic document. An addendum thereto supplements the information by providing the interim programme performance report for the first year of the biennium 1994-1995 for those segments of the programme and budgets with measurable outputs. The information is further supplemented by a statistical annex and appendices on selected activities.

The new type of Annual Report did not allow for detailed reporting on all the programmes of the Organization. In order to comply with those Board decisions which had requested that reporting on various aspects of the work programme be included in the Annual Report, an additional progress report on specific activities will update or supplement the information provided in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*. This additional report will contain information on: the UNIDO contribution to international efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident; the UNIDO contribution to the System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control; and the integration of women in industrial development.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10; IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1)

- Progress report on specific activities. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.14/10/Add.3)

- List of resolutions and decisions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund of relevance to UNIDO (conference room paper)

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request Members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the Annual Report on the activities of the Organization. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

Item 6. UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1994

By decision IDB.7/Dec.11, the Board requested the Director-General to present an annual report on the technical cooperation activities of UNIDO, containing a clear delineation of the budgetary phases of the execution of the technical cooperation projects within a clear and detailed execution frame. In relation thereto and at the request of the General Conference (resolution GC.5/Res.1, paras. 2-3) a report on the development of a quality management system (IDB.12/8) was submitted to the Board at its twelfth session. At that session, the Board in its decision IDB.12/Dec.5 requested the Director-General to complete the quality system for technical cooperation and put it into effect as planned and set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of document IDB.12/8; to continue improving the quality of technical cooperation projects of the Organization; to continue to implement and further improve the UNIDO guidelines for the service management process (Director-General's Bulletin UNIDO/DG/B.177); to prepare, within the framework of the United Nations country strategy, UNIDO country and regional support strategies and programming briefs in close consultation with concerned recipient countries; and to report on the implementation of those measures through the Board to the General Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, in particular chap. III, and IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1)

- UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1994. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/14-GC.6/8)

- List of technical cooperation projects approved and/or operational in 1994 (IDB.14/CRP.1)

Item 7. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative".

The report of the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC) on the work of its eleventh session (IDB.14/9) contains the conclusions of the Committee concerning sub-items 7 (a) to (i).

(a) **Scale of assessments**

The General Conference at its sixth session will have to establish a scale of assessments for the years 1996-1997. Article 15.2 of the Constitution stipulates that the scale of assessments shall be based to the extent possible on the scale most recently employed by the United Nations and that no Member shall be assessed more than 25 per cent of the regular budget of the Organization.

The Board will have before it:

- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 1996-1997. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.14/4 and Add.1)

- PBC conclusion 95/9 on the scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses (IDB.14/9, para. 20)

(b) **Interim financial performance report and programme performance report**

Financial regulation 10.6 stipulates that, at the beginning of the second calendar year of each fiscal period, the Director-General shall submit to the PBC an interim financial report on significant financial developments that have affected the Organization during the first calendar year of the fiscal period concerned. In accordance with regulation 11.10, the report on the interim accounts shall be completed not later than by 1 June following the calendar year to which it relates. Furthermore, the PBC at its third resumed session of 29 June 1987 (conclusion 1987/19) requested the Director-General to submit each year to the Board through the Committee a clear and detailed financial performance report itemizing the utilization of financial resources, as well as a programme performance report describing the level of programme implementation. Subsequently, the General Conference, in its resolution GC.4/Res.2, requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. As explained under item 5 above, in redesigning the Annual Report, an addendum has been prepared which provides the interim programme performance report.

In its conclusion 95/5, the PBC requested the Director-General to reflect information on trust fund contributions from Member States in the programme performance report to the Board at its fourteenth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Interim financial performance report for the biennium 1994-1995. Submitted by the Director-General (PBC.11/8 and Corr.1)

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994*: Interim programme performance report for the biennium 1994-1995 (IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1)

- PBC conclusion 95/5 on the interim financial performance report and programme performance report (IDB.14/9, para. 15)

- Interim programme performance report for the biennium 1994-1995: information on trust fund contributions. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/10/Add.2)

(c) **Programme and budgets, 1996-1997**

In accordance with Articles 14.1 and 14.3 of the Constitution, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board through the PBC a draft programme of work for the following fiscal period, together with the corresponding estimates for those activities to be financed from the regular budget. The Director-General shall, at the same time, submit proposals and financial estimates for those activities to be financed from voluntary contributions to the Organization. The Board shall examine the proposals of the Director-General together with any recommendations of the Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget, with such modifications as it deems necessary, for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval. Such adoption shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

At its thirteenth session, the Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.14 approved a ceiling for the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997 representing zero real growth as compared with the biennium 1994-1995,

without prejudice to appropriations to be adjusted according to financial regulation 5.2.

The PBC at its eleventh session considered the proposals of the Director-General contained in document IDB.14/2 and Corr.1. and, in its conclusion 95/8, recommended to the Board that it adopt for submission to the General Conference the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 as contained in that document.

The Board will have before it:

- Programme and budgets, 1996-1997. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.14/2 and Corr.1)

- PBC conclusion 95/8 on the programme and budgets, 1996-1997 (IDB.14/9, para. 19)

- Improving UNIDO programmes through a strengthened focus. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.14/13) (submitted under item 4 above)

(d) **Working Capital Fund**

Financial regulation 5.4 stipulates that, upon recommendation of the PBC and subsequently the Board, the Conference shall determine the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund.

At its fifth session, the General Conference decided (decision GC.5/Dec.16) that the level of the Working Capital Fund should be $9 million and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the 1994-1995 biennium should remain the same as for previous bienniums (see decision GC.2/Dec.27).

The Board will have before it:

- Status of advances to the Working Capital Fund (IDB.14/28, annex II) (submitted under item 7(g) below)

- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.14/3)

- PBC conclusion 95/10 on the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 (IDB.14/9, para. 21)

(e) **Appointment of External Auditor**

In accordance with financial regulation 11.1, an External Auditor, who shall be Auditor-General (or an officer exercising an equivalent function) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Conference. The General Conference by decision GC.5/Dec.17 appointed the President of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years beginning on 1 July 1994.

The PBC in its conclusion 95/7 recommended to the Board the adoption of a draft decision by which it would recommend to the General Conference the approval of an extension of the present External Auditor for a period of two years, from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1998.

The Board will have before it:

- PBC conclusion 95/7 on appointment of an External Auditor (IDB.14/9, para. 17)

(f) **Electronic data-processing programme**

In its decision GC.4/Dec.18, the General Conference at its fourth session requested the Director-General, with a view to ensuring the transparency of all operations concerning the electronic data-processing (EDP) programme and avoiding a repetition of past difficulties, to report to the subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs on the programme and cost of implementing the consultants' recommendations and the recommendations of the External Auditor, as contained in documents GC.4/CRP.1 and GC.4/50, especially those concerning the disaster recovery plan, the organizational and functional changes and the internal control and evaluation of automation projects. It also requested the Director-General to keep Member States fully apprised of the EDP programme by quarterly briefings and informal notes (GC.4/Dec.18, para. (i)). Such briefings have taken place on a regular basis and progress reports were submitted to subsequent sessions of the policy-making organs.

Recommendations to the Board on the subject are contained in PBC conclusion 95/13. In that conclusion, the PBC, *inter alia*, requested the Director-General to submit information to the Board on the modalities of establishing electronic networking arrangements between UNIDO and the Permanent Missions in Vienna.

The Board will have before it:

- PBC conclusion 95/13 on the electronic data-processing programme (IDB.14/9, para. 27)

- Electronic data-processing programme of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/26)

- Information on the modalities of establishing electronic networking arrangements between UNIDO and the Permanent Missions in Vienna (conference room paper)

(g) **Financial situation of UNIDO**

When considering the financial situation of UNIDO, the Board at its thirteenth session adopted decisions IDB.13/Dec.11 and IDB.13/Dec.14 in which it, *inter alia*, supported the intention of the Director-General to make full and effective utilization of resources in the 1994-1995 biennium through reallocations to priority programmes and activities as described in paragraphs 18 to 23 of document IDB.13/22. The Board also requested the Director-General to prepare a study on the advantages and disadvantages of the 6 per cent figure set as a regular budget ceiling for technical cooperation activities, as well as of alternative arrangements, so that it could be considered by the Board at its fourteenth session, after examination by the PBC at its eleventh session.

The recommendations of the Committee to the Board related to the financial situation are contained in PBC conclusions 95/2, 95/3 and 95/4. In conclusion 95/3 the Director-General was requested to submit to the Board at its fourteenth session a report on the implications of possibly changing the present percentage of regular budget resources for technical cooperation activities, keeping in mind paragraph 33 of document IDB.14/6-PBC.11/9.

When approving the programme and budgets, 1994-1995, the General Conference at its fifth session also adopted decision GC.5/Dec.19 in which it (a) urged the Director-General to finalize with the United Nations as soon as possible the arrangements for the transfer of administrative responsibility for conference services from UNIDO to the United Nations Office at Vienna; (b) authorized the Director-General, upon finalization of those arrangements, to implement the necessary adjustments within the net resource allocations of those programmes affected and included in the programme and budgets, 1994-1995; and (c) requested the Director-General to report on the subject to the General Conference at its sixth session through the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- PBC conclusion 95/2 on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.14/9, para. 12)

- PBC conclusion 95/3 on the 6 per cent figure set as a regular budget ceiling for technical cooperation activities (IDB.14/9, para. 13)

- PBC conclusion 95/4 on the question of unutilized balances (IDB.14/9, para. 14)

- Financial situation of UNIDO (including, *inter alia*, status of assessed contributions paid and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and cash-flow analysis for 1995). Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/28)

- Report on the 6 per cent figure set as a regular budget ceiling for technical cooperation activities. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/6 and Add.1)

- Information on developments concerning the unified conference service. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/20-GC.6/10)

(h) **Industrial Development Fund**

In accordance with Article 17 of the Constitution, in order to increase the resources of the Organization and to enhance its ability to meet promptly and flexibly the needs of the developing countries, the Organization shall have an Industrial Development Fund (IDF) which will be financed through the voluntary contributions to the Organization provided for in Article 16, and other income as may be provided for in the financial regulations of the Organization. The Director-General shall administer IDF in accordance with the general policy guidelines governing the operations of the Fund that are established by the Conference, or by the Board acting on behalf of the Conference, and in accordance with the financial regulations of the Organization. Rules governing the financial management of IDF, prepared in accordance with the financial regulations established by the Conference in its decision GC.2/Dec.25, are contained in the Financial Rules of UNIDO (UNIDO/DG/B.74/Rev.1 and Amend.1). Furthermore, in compliance with General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.8, comprehensive policy guidelines were prepared by the Director-General for all projects funded from funds administered by UNIDO (IDB.13/9).

In accordance with Board decision IDB.4/Dec.30, the Director-General is to provide information as to the nature of projects financed from the Fund, indicating therein the projects financed from its general-purpose

segment as well as information as to the projects financed from its special-purpose segment, in detail. Furthermore, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.3/Dec.25, the Director-General is to submit periodically a detailed report on the matter to the Board in the Annual Report.

The Board at its thirteenth session adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.17, in which it endorsed the programming thrust for 1995 and 1996 proposed in chapter II of document IDB.13/4, and requested the Director-General: (a) to continue efforts to further improve the programming framework and programming thrust in the light of the actual situation and in consultation with recipient and donor countries, and (b) to make available to Member States, upon request, information on the results achieved in the area of resource mobilization, including information on the level and sectoral distribution of resources mobilized. The Board also delegated authority to the Director-General to approve projects for financing under IDF in 1995 and 1996 in accordance with the priority areas of the applicable medium-term plan.

The recommendations of the Committee to the Board are contained in conclusion 95/12.

The Board will have before it:

- Industrial Development Fund. Estimated resource level and programming thrust for 1996 and 1997. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/5)

- Information on the nature of projects financed from the Industrial Development Fund, contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10/Add.1, appendix C)

- PBC conclusion 95/12 on the Industrial Development Fund (IDB.14/9, para. 25)

(i) UNIDO Country Director programme

The financial situation of the UNIDO Country Director (UCD) programme was discussed at the eleventh and thirteenth sessions of the Board. In its decision IDB.11/Dec.29 the Board endorsed PBC conclusion 93/9 in which it was considered that the achievement of the target of 50 UCD posts or at least maintaining the present number required, as a matter of urgency, financing from a combination of sources, *inter alia*, from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) funds, voluntary contributions and the UNIDO operational budget, and requested the Director-General to continue negotiations with UNDP on the most appropriate financing arrangement, bearing in mind the desire to increase or at least maintain the present number of UCD posts for the fifth programming cycle. That conclusion also requested the Director-General to prepare proposals for a programme framework for field representation as a basis for negotiating extrabudgetary financing, taking into account current discussions in the United Nations General Assembly and including possible redeployment of headquarters staff to the field to maintain the current level of UCDs.

Having considered the report of the Director-General (IDB.13/3 and Add.1) on the implementation of Board decision IDB.11/Dec.29 and PBC conclusion 93/9, the PBC, in its conclusion 94/7, requested the Director-General to prepare an in-depth analysis on the actual and potential impacts of the UCD programme, taking into account, *inter alia*, the system-wide efforts to rationalize United Nations field representation and the functions of the UCD for submission, together with his revised proposals concerning a framework for field representation, to the eleventh session of the Committee.

At its eleventh session, the PBC took note of the document submitted by the Director-General (PBC.11/11) and, while encouraging the Director-General to continue his efforts to achieve an appropriate degree of decentralization of the Organization within available resources, requested him to present to the fourteenth session of the Board a more elaborated and revised version of his proposal, in consultation with Member States and taking into account the financial situation of UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- The UNIDO Country Director programme and proposal for a new framework for field representation. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.14/25)

Item 8. Medium-term plan, 1996-2001

In accordance with General Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, the Director-General is requested to submit to the Board in the first year of each fiscal period, through the PBC, a draft medium-term plan for the six years that follow the current fiscal period. The draft medium-term plan should be prepared in accordance with the principles mentioned in that decision. Furthermore, in compliance with paragraph (b)(v)d of the same decision, the Director-General should also submit a preview of the biennium 1996-1997 indicating a general ceiling for that biennium.

The Conference, in its resolution GC.5/Res.1, while taking note of the proposed medium-term plan, 1994-1999 (IDB.10/5), requested the Director-General to ensure the compatibility of activities within the

medium-term plan with the policy framework of UNIDO outlined in document GC.5/23 and endorsed by the General Conference in resolution GC.5/Res.18.

A first draft of the medium-term plan, 1996-2001 was submitted to the PBC at its tenth session (IDB.13/10-PBC.10/12). At the request of the PBC (conclusion 94/6), the Director-General revised that draft to make it more concise, focused and action-oriented and submitted it to the Board at its thirteenth session in document IDB.13/19.

Subsequently, the Board in its decision IDB.13/Dec.14 recommended to the General Conference for the future to rename the "medium-term plan" the "medium-term programme framework" and reduce its coverage to four years, and decided to consider it at its fourteenth session. The Board also approved a ceiling for the regular budget for the biennium 1996-1997 representing zero real growth as compared with the biennium 1994-1995.

The Board will have before it:

- Revised draft medium-term plan, 1996-2001. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.13/19)

Item 9. The regional dimension

(a) **Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

The General Conference at its fourth session, in resolution GC.4/Res.8, decided to adopt the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) (1991-2000) covering the national, sub-regional and regional components contained in document CAMI.10:ICE/1991/6/Vol.1 and Vol.2 and recommended its adoption to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. In its resolution 47/177, the General Assembly, while adopting the programme for the Second IDDA, adjusted the period for the Second Decade programme to cover the years 1993-2002, and urged the Director-General to integrate the relevant provisions of Agenda 21 in the implementation of the Second Decade.

The Board at its eleventh and twelfth sessions (decisions IDB.11/Dec.9 and IDB.12/Dec.12) and the General Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC 5/Res.12) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Second IDDA. The Director-General was also requested to present a report on the subject to the Conference through the Board.

At its forty-ninth session, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 49/107 in which it took note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA (A/49/372). It also requested UNIDO to give full assistance to improving the competitiveness of the industrial sector in Africa and to formulating measures to improve it in the light of the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and, in cooperation with the African Development Bank and other subregional, regional and international financial and banking institutions, to provide support, especially in the development of new and innovative measures to mobilize resources and promote foreign direct investment, to African countries.

The Board will have before it:

- Implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA (1993-2002). Report of the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly (A/49/372)

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III.B)

- UNIDO support for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/21-GC.6/11)

- Progress report on the implementation of the Second IDDA. Report submitted to the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts of the Whole on Industrialization in Africa, 29 May to 2 June 1995 (CAMI.12/5(b)/Rev.1)

(b) **Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries, including technical assistance to the Palestinian people**

The Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries was established by the Board at its fifth session (decision IDB.5/Dec.26). At its fourth session the General Conference in resolution GC.4/Res.5 listed the priorities for the activities of the Programme. Subsequently the Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.13 and the Board, in its decision IDB.11/Dec.12, requested the Director-General to undertake a number of measures aimed at enhancing the Special Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III.C.)

- Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries, including technical assistance

to the Palestinian people. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/15-GC.6/9)

(c) **Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific**

The Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific was approved by the General Conference at its third session (resolution GC.3/Res.18).

The Board at its eleventh session (decision IDB.11/Dec.10) and the Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC.5/Res.14) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Special Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III.D)

- Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/18-GC.6/13)

(d) **Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean was established by the Board at its fifth session (decision IDB.5/Dec.25).

The Board at its eleventh session (decision IDB.11/Dec.11) and the General Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC.5/Res.15) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General related to the implementation of the Regional Programme. The Director-General was also requested to report on the subject, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. III.F)

- Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/19-GC.6/14)

Item 10. Industrial cooperation and consultations (including economic and technical cooperation among developing countries) and implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153

As a follow-up to resolution 47/153 on industrial development cooperation adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Director-General, through the Secretary-General, submitted a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (A/49/347). On that occasion, the Assembly adopted resolution 49/108, which is herewith brought to the attention of the Board.

In the context of industrial development cooperation, the Board at its thirteenth session adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.22 in which it requested the Director-General to submit to the Board without delay his recommendations for follow-up action to the World Summit for Social Development by UNIDO in its field of competence.

According to its programme of work, the Organization, under Programme 840, should plan, prepare and organize consultations and meetings between industry-related institutions and other entities in developed and developing countries. Through such meetings, bilateral twinning arrangements and/or multilateral networks are to be established in specific areas for the exchange of information and the transfer of know-how and expertise. At its thirteenth session, the Board (decision IDB.13/Dec.19) endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Consultations held during 1993, as contained in the annex to document IDB.13/15, and requested the Director-General to take a number of actions and report on their implementation to a future session of the Board.

Concerning economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC), the General Conference at its fifth session (resolution GC.5/Res.10) addressed a number of requests to the Director-General aimed at enhancing industrial ECDC/TCDC, and also requested him to report on the implementation of the resolution, through the Board, to the Conference at its sixth session. A first report on the subject was submitted to the Board at its twelfth session. On that occasion, the Board addressed further requests to the Director-General on the subject (IDB.12/Dec.8).

The Board will have before it:

- Resolution on industrial development cooperation adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-ninth session (49/108)

- Recommendations for follow-up action by UNIDO to the World Summit for Social Development. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.14/24)

- Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/17-GC.6/12)

Item 11. Operational activities for development (General Assembly resolution 47/199, para. 51)

In its resolution 47/199 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities for development within the United Nations system the United Nations General Assembly addressed a number of issues and requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the provisions of the resolution were fully implemented by the organizations of the United Nations system. The General Assembly also called upon the governing bodies of the specialized agencies to take appropriate action for the full implementation of the resolution and requested the respective executive heads to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and to be taken for its implementation. The most recent report on the subject was submitted to the Board at its twelfth session (IDB.12/9). On that occasion, the Board in its decision IDB.12/Dec.10 requested the Director-General to continue to take the appropriate measures to provide the necessary technical and other support services to developing countries to, *inter alia*, improve the capacity for national execution of their development projects and to report on the implementation of the decision through the Board to the General Conference at its sixth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Operational activities for development. Note by the Director-General (IDB.14/22-GC.6/15)

Item 12. Industrial investment promotion

Recalling, *inter alia*, Board decision IDB.11/Dec.21, the General Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.7 requested the Director-General to take a number of actions aimed at furthering the industrial development of developing countries, particularly the least developed, through the expansion and strengthening of relevant industrial investment promotion activities of UNIDO, and to further seek ways of enhancing the efficiency, effectiveness and the impact of the programme, with due regard to the recommendations of the relevant in-depth evaluation and relevant paragraphs of document GC.5/23, in particular paragraphs 46 and 76. The Director-General was also requested to report on the implementation of the resolution through the Board to the Conference at its sixth session.

In its decision IDB.13/Dec.8, the Board further requested the Director-General to take a number of actions and report on their implementation to its fourteenth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Industrial investment promotion. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/16-GC.6/5/Add.2)

Item 13. Personnel matters

In its decision IDB.13/Dec.2 on UNIDO policy framework—organizational and staff structure (see item 4 above), the Board recalled that in any consideration of appointment for posts, *inter alia*, those of Managing Directors, due regard should also be paid to the importance of recruiting staff on a wide and equitable geographical basis. The Board commended the Director-General on his efforts in the area of staff development and training and encouraged him to continue these efforts. The Director-General was requested to submit to the Board at its fourteenth session a progress report on the implementation of the decision.

(a) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In its decision GC.5/Dec.12 the Conference elected the two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 1994-1995. The Board may wish to recommend to the Conference at its sixth session candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the years 1996 and 1997.

(b) Women in the Secretariat

The General Conference in its resolution GC.5/Res.19 urges the Director-General to give special

attention to the recruitment and promotion of women to reach the target set in Industrial Development Board decision IDB.7/Dec.22 and take steps to remedy the situation regarding representation of women at the senior level.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 1994* (IDB.14/10, chap. IV; IDB.14/10/Add.1, appendix L, and Corr.1)

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.14/8)

Item 14. Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria

In accordance with Article 20.2 of the Constitution, "The Organization shall conclude a headquarters agreement with the Host Government."

The General Conference, in its decision GC.5/Dec.11, having taken note of the information provided by the Director-General (GC.5/24), requested him to submit the agreement with the Republic of Austria concerning the Headquarters of UNIDO to the Board for approval and for reporting thereon to the Conference at its sixth session.

In the following document the Board will be informed of the latest developments:

- Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.14/11)

Item 15. Administrative matters: Joint Inspection Unit

By decision IDB.1/Dec.22 the Board decided to accept on behalf of UNIDO the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) as of 1 January 1986. In the following document, the Board will have before it information on recent JIU activities of relevance to UNIDO:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit in the second half of 1994 of relevance to UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.14/12)

Item 16. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Article 19.1 of the Constitution stipulates that the Director-General may, with the approval of the Board and subject to guidelines established by the Conference: (a) enter into agreements establishing appropriate relationships with organizations of the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations; (b) establish appropriate relations with non-governmental and other organizations the work of which is related to that of the Organization; and that when establishing such relations with national organizations the Director-General shall consult with the Governments concerned.

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned above were established by the Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall: (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director-General (IDB.14/23)

Item 17. Preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference

At its fifth session, in decision GC.5/Dec.20 the General Conference decided that its sixth session should be held from 4 to 8 December 1995.

In accordance with Article 9.4 of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. The Board reviewed the subject at its thirteenth session and considered that further efforts should be made to simplify and consolidate the agenda for the sixth session of the General Conference and related matters. It requested the President of the Board to conduct informal consultations on preparations for the sixth session of the Conference and to report on the results thereof to the Board at its next session (decision IDB.13/Dec.25).

The Board will have before it:

- Informal consultations on preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference. Report by the President of the Industrial Development Board (IDB.14/27)

Item 18. Provisional agenda and date of the fifteenth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. However, in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Board at its fifth session for the conduct of business and rational ization of proceedings, the provisional agendas for the regular sessions should be drawn up in biennial groups by a special brief session of the Board following the General Conference (IDB.5/Dec.46, annex, paras. 2 and 4).

Concerning the date of the fifteenth session, the attention of the Board is drawn to the following reservations made for the policy-making organs of UNIDO for 1996:

6-10 May (tentative)	-	IDB, fifteenth session
2-6 September (final)	-	PBC, twelfth session
18-22 November (tentative)	-	IDB, sixteenth session